

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1117

By Bunch

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Donnie Yates upon being named Tennessee Coach of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those coaches who have performed their duties with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm and who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality instruction for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Donnie Yates is one such estimable coach who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a fixture at Cleveland Middle School, Mr. Yates was recently selected as Tennessee Coach of the Year, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a coach as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Coach Donnie Yates is married to a true coach's wife in Connie Yates, and Coach Donnie and Connie Yates are blessed with two daughters, Kara Yates and Kelsey Yates; and

WHEREAS, Coach Donnie Yates exhibits the defining characteristics of an outstanding community leader by participating in the Middle School Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Regional Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the State Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the First Baptist Church of Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes' motto is "Who shall they follow?" Coach Donnie Yates continually answers this question by providing leadership in the classroom, on the field, in our community, and, most importantly, in his home; and

WHEREAS, Coach Yates is an extremely talented and compassionate mentor who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential as students, athletes, and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Yates truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and student-athletes alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Coach Donnie Yates; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that that we hereby congratulate Coach Donnie Yates of Cleveland Middle School upon being named Tennessee Coach of the Year, honor and commend his exceptional service to the children of our State, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.